

Minnesota



# Youth Firesetting Prevention & Intervention (YFPI)



# YFPI “Core Team”



- Definition:
  - Mutli-disciplined team of people with experience in the field who are able to represent Minnesota as a whole.
  - Fire service members were typically recommended by the existing YFPI coordinator, intentionally not the coordinator themselves.
  - **DEFINITION OF YFPI TEAM COORDINATOR?**

# Team Goal



- The goal of the Core Team is/was to create a comprehensive and easy to use Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Model to be available for use throughout all of Minnesota.



# Mission



- **Mission:** To partner with Minnesota public safety agencies and those who advocate for youth to provide knowledge and resources necessary for the various YFPI programs throughout the state to eliminate the dangers of youth set fires.

# Vision



- **Vision:** To provide resources so that the various MN YFPI programs can minimize fires started by Minnesota youth.

# YFPI "Core Team"



- First meeting – August 29, 2012
- Members: Pat Devaney (host) Centennial Fire, Phil Awker Citizen YFPI Commissioner, Bryan Fagerstrom Hibbing Fire
- Meeting Content:
  - What are we doing? = it is all old
  - What are the necessary messages?
  - Who are the stakeholders involved?
  - How are we tracking these kids?



# YFPI “Core Team”



- Second meeting September 26, 2012
- Members: Andy Hamline Burnsville Fire, Cassidy Anderson (hostess) Minneapolis Fire, Renee Kleber Carver Co. Court Services, Alden Ylinimini Menahga Fire
- Meeting Content:
  - Sharing what Alden and Kathi learned at the National Fire Academy
  - Needs – training!! For the MN local teams and stakeholders
  - Additional Stakeholders at the state level “Core Team” meetings
  - Identified a specific need for mental health and law enforcement



# YFPI “Core Team”



- Third meeting November 7, 2012
- Members: Renee Kleber, Carver Co. Court Services ~ Jennifer Rockhill, Youth Service Bureau ~ Cheryl Kreager, MN Juvenile Justice Coalition ~ Janet Krueger, Rochester Public Defender ~ Phil Awker, Maple Grove Resident / JFS commissioner ~ Cassidy Anderson, Mpls FD (hostess) ~ Bryan Fagerstrom, Hibbing FD ~ Andy Hamline, Burnsville FD ~ Alden Ylinimi, Menahga FD
- APPLAUSE, PLEASE...



# Meeting Content



- **Are there other stakeholders we need to invite to the table? – YES**
  - Law Enforcement, Mental Health, School Administration
- Reviewed Powerpoint intro to program necessity available now the SFM website for all to use.
- How do we attain our vision and mission?
  - Accurate reporting
  - Tracking these kids is critical
  - Education for stakeholders
  - Education and referrals for youth and families
  - PREVENTION!!
  - Open YFPI teams County wide rather than department wide...
  - Get stakeholders to the table



# YFPI “Core Team”



- Fourth meeting December 13, 2013
- Members Present: Bryan Fagerstrom, Hibbing Fire ~ Sarah Davis, Legal Rights Center ~ Andy Hamline, Burnsville Fire ~ Pat Devaney, Centennial Fire ~ Nick House, Coon Rapids Fire ~ Jennifer Rockhill, Youth & Family Services
- Thank you for participating!!!



# Meeting Content



- We still need Law Enforcement, Mental Health and Attorney participation
- Accurate reporting is critical – discussion on how to get there = image trend for now, National research in progress
- Evaluate effectiveness of our programs
- Prevention is the key – we need to develop materials
- Next meeting will be a web conference – we will review forms that we use.
- How do you eat an elephant?



# Web Conferencing



- Discussion on forms
- Updating complete
- [www.fire.state.mn.us](http://www.fire.state.mn.us)
- Intervention Education
- Prevention Education
- Fire Department specific



# Certification Team



## IN PROGRESS, THANKS TO:

- Marilyn Arnlund
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- Paula Peterson
- Kathi Osmonson
- Terri & Nyle Zikmund



# Where do we go from here?



## ■ Long Range Plan:

- Localized meetings
- Steering Committee?
- Continue building relationships
- Statewide & localized training
- Consistency in tracking
- WHAT ELSE?
- **“Decisions are made by those who are there”**  
~ Nyle Zikmund





Thank you ALL  
**For What You Do!**

**“Go forth and do good work.” ~ Bob Dahm**